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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

In advance of prosecution, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Cancel claims 1-16, without prejudice and add the following claims:

- 17. Infrared radiator with a heating element containing carbon fibers and arranged in a quartz glass tube, with its ends joined to contact elements running through the wall of the quartz glass tube, characterized in that the heating element is spaced away from the wall of the quartz glass